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NHPC PROJECT IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) had started Upper-Siyang Project in Arunachal Pradesh for generation of 11,000 megawatt power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has downsized the scale and proposed production capacity of the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) had taken up the work of survey & investigation activities at the Upper Siang project (11,000 MW) following the transfer of the Siang and Subansiri basin projects to it by the Ministry of Water Resources. However, as the proposed reservoir of Upper Siang project would have caused submergence of a portion of Dibang-Dehang Biosphere reserve and Tuting Monastery, the dam height of 257 m was required to be reduced, which would have left inadequate storage both for flood moderation arrangement and power generation. Accordingly, an alternate site, i.e. Intermediate Siang near Geku village, at about 49 Km. downstream of Yinkiong town was identified for the project and investigations were taken up for preparation of Feasibility Report. The proposed production capacity of the project can be established only when the feasibility report is completed.